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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

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10 a.m.–1 p.m. 24th meeting Conference Room 3

1. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [83]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.9/Rev.1, A/C.4/58/L.10, A/C.4/58/L.11, A/C.4/58/L.12, A/C.4/58/L.13, A/C.4/58/L.14/Rev.1, A/C.4/58/L.15, A/C.4/58/L.16 and A/C.4/58/L.22

2. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories . . . [84]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.17, A/C.4/58/L.18, A/C.4/58/L.19/Rev.1, A/C.4/58/L.20/Rev.1 and A/C.4/58/L.21

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 45th meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m. 46th meeting Conference Room 1

Human rights questions [117]

- (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/58/118, A/58/118/Corr.1, A/58/121, A/58/181, A/58/181/Add.1, A/58/185, A/58/185/Add.1, A/58/185/Add.2, A/58/186, A/58/212, A/58/255, A/58/257, A/58/261, A/58/266, A/58/268, A/58/275, A/58/276, A/58/276/Add.1, A/58/279, A/58/296, A/58/309, A/58/317, A/58/318, A/58/330, A/58/380, A/58/533 and A/C.3/58/9)



- (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/58/219, A/58/448, A/58/127, A/58/427, A/58/379, A/58/334, A/58/218, A/58/338, A/58/534, A/58/325, A/58/393, A/58/421 and A/C.3/58/6)
- (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/58/36)

Continuation of general discussion

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Part VI: Human rights and humanitarian affairs (A/58/6 (Sect. 25), A/58/6 (Sect. 26), A/58/6 (Sect. 27)); Part VII: Public Information (A/58/6 (Sect. 28)); Part VIII: Common support services (A/58/6 (Sect. 29), A/58/6 (Sect. 29A), A/58/6 (Sect. 29B), A/58/6 (Sect. 29C), A/58/6 (Sect. 29D), A/58/6 (Sect. 29E), A/58/6 (Sect. 29F), A/58/6 (Sect. 29G)); Part IX: Internal oversight (A/58/6 (Sect. 30)), Part X: Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses (A/58/6 (Sect. 31), A/58/6 (Sect. 32)); Part XI: Capital expenditures (A/58/6 (Sect. 33)); Part XII: Staff assessment (A/58/6 (Sect. 34)); and Part XIII: Development Account (A/58/6 (Sect. 35), A/58/6/Corr.1, A/58/7, A/58/7/Corr.1 and A/58/16))

2.30–4.45 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 59 (Strengthening of the United Nations system: improvements to the current process of planning and budgeting (A/58/395, A/58/395/Corr.1 and A/58/7/Add.5); Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of the United Nations budgetary process (A/58/375, A/58/395, A/58/395/Corr.1 and A/58/7/Add.5); and Intergovernmental review of the medium-term plan and the programme budget (A/57/786)); and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on review of duplication, complexity and bureaucracy in United Nations administrative processes and procedures (A/58/211))

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Administrative matters
2. Administration and management of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
3. Second Performance report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2002-2003

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2003

- 3-4 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Economic and Social Council Chamber
- Informal consultations convened by the President of the Economic and Social Council, Mr. Gert Rosenthal (Guatemala), on the following outstanding issues:
1. implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B (E/2003/90 and E/2003/90/Add.1) [8]
 2. Economic and environmental questions [13]
 - (a) Sustainable development (E/2003/29)

Decision 11/1 (Status of non-governmental organizations and other major groups accredited to the World Summit on Sustainable Development)

Decision 11/2 (Bureau of the Commission on Sustainable Development)
 - (c) Statistics (E/2003/24)
 - (i) United Nations Forum on Forest (E/2003/42)

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations under agenda item 47 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 8
- Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangué Réwaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations

Informal consultations under agenda item 40 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

- 3 p.m.-6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 8
- Informal consultations under agenda item 40, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jear-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg)

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.22 entitled "Sustainable development in mountain regions" (agenda item 94 (g)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

- 10 a.m.-12 noon Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal "informals" on the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.2 entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (agenda item 92) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal "informals" on the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.4 entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Informal "informals" on the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.9 entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and Outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development" (agenda item 95) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.17 entitled "International financial system and development" (agenda item 91 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Room S-2963D

Informal "informals" on the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.12 entitled "Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-second session" (agenda item 94) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany)

12-2 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.14 entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind" (agenda item 94 (f)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Argentina)

1-2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Room S-2963D

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.5 entitled "Human resources development" (agenda item 93 (b)); and A/C.2/58/L.23 entitled "Public administration and development" (agenda item 12) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

3-5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Informal "informals" on the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.10 entitled "International strategy for disaster reduction" (agenda item 94 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

3-4.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.11 entitled "Convention on Biological Diversity" (agenda item 94 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Peru)

4.30-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Other meetings

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Friday, 14 November 2003

Group of 77 (Second Committee: corruption; globalization; debt; international financial system; cybersecurity; and the World Summit on the Information Society)

9 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Group of 77 (Second Committee: environment and sustainable development)

9.30–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on the New Partnership for Africa's Development)

1–2 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Group of 77 (on the Marrakech Conference on South-South Cooperation)

2–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (agenda item 117 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Democratic Republic of Congo (agenda item 117 (c)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) (on Second Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on human rights and terrorism (organized by the Permanent Mission of Algeria)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Open-ended informal consultations on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (agenda item 111) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Colombia)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Respect for the principle of national sovereignty and diversity of democratic systems, in electoral processes as important elements for the promotion and protection of human rights" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Cuba)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The right to development" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement))

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

OIC Group (on Third Committee matters) (at the experts level)

2–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Turkmenistan (agenda item 117 (c)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Access to medication in the context of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria" (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (agenda item 115 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Seminar on "Improving the Role of the United Nations in Environmental Governance – National and Regional Approaches" (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University)

There will be a seminar on "Improving the Role of the United Nations in Environmental Governance – National and Regional Approaches", organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University, *today*, 14 November 2003, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in

Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UNU New York Office (Web site www.ony.unu.edu; email unuona@ony.unu.edu; or tel. 1 (212) 963-6387) [Registration on-line at www.ony.unu.edu/unuseminarregistration.htm].

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 14 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/press/conf.htm.

Friday, 14 November 2003

Room S-226

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 17 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

- 10 a.m. 62nd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall
1. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections [16]
 - (a) Election of forty-three members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
 - (c) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/58/552)
 2. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies: draft resolution (A/58/L.15) [20]

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 19th meeting on Monday 17 November 2003, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3, immediately followed by informal consultations (closed) in Conference Room 5. Informal consultations (closed) will also be held at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

The 247th meeting (closed) of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait will be held on Monday, 17 November 2003, at 10.30 a.m.¹ in Conference Room 7.

¹ The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Members States of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Extraordinary budget session for 2003

The extraordinary budget session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/14. Advance copies of the documents for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_15100.html). Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 21 November 2003.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 (Second Committee: draft resolution on financing for development)

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (Second Committee: draft resolution on financing for development) on Monday, 17 November 2003, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

JUSCANZ Group (on Third Committee matters)

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group (on Third Committee matters) from 17 to 21 November 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.

JUSCANZ Group (on Second Committee matters)

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group (on Second Committee matters) from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 18 and 26 November 2003, in Conference Room 9; 2 December, in Conference Room 9; and 9 December, in Conference Room A.

United Nations Development Programme

The second informal consultation on the *Human Development Report 2004* will be held on Monday, 17 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

There will be an informal consultation on the UNIFEM multi-year funding framework 2004-2007 on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures)

There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures) on Monday, 17 November 2003, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room A. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

UNICEF/WHO briefing

There will be a briefing by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO) on "Latest Developments in the Global Effort to Eliminate Polio" on Monday, 17 November 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Lebohang Moleko, Permanent Representative of Lesotho. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities

A training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities, organized by the Permanent Mission of Andorra, under the auspices of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Toward global partnerships" (agenda item 46), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room C; and on Friday, 21 November, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Symposia on population and development

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS", organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will continue at Headquarters, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org].

UNITAR Workshop Series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations are welcome to attend. This is the second year of the series, presented under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

United Nations Office for Project Services

There will be an informal consultation on various issues contained in Executive Board decisions 2003/26 and 2003/27, on Monday, 24 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Main Conference Room (4th floor) at UNOPS Headquarters.

Announcements**Security Council****Daily informal briefings**

As from Thursday, 6 November 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Thursday, 13 November 2003

Security Council

4857th meeting

The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

Second report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire (S/2003/1069)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Côte d'Ivoire, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2003/1083, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2003/1083) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2003/1083) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1514 (2003).

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2003/20).

4858th meeting

The importance of mine action for peacekeeping operations

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Martin Dahinden, Director of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Guéhenno and Mr. Dahinden.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guinea, the Syrian Arab Republic, France, Chile, Cameroon, the United Kingdom, Bulgaria, Mexico, Germany, Spain, the Russian Federation, China, Pakistan and the United States, and by the President, in his capacity as the representative of the Angola.

Mr. Guéhenno and Mr. Dahinden responded to comments and questions raised.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

22nd meeting

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Zambia and the Syrian Arab Republic, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee then decided to postpone action on all the draft proposals relating to agenda items 83 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) and 84 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories) to 3 p.m., the same day.

23rd meeting

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representative of Italy (on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee then decided to postpone action on all the draft proposals relating to agenda items 83 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) and 84 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories) to Friday, 14 November, at 10 a.m.

Third Committee

43rd meeting

Human rights questions [117]

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

The Committee resumed its joint consideration of the sub-items.

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Representative, in which the delegations of Italy, Cuba, Norway, Switzerland and Indonesia took part.

The Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur, in which the delegations of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Afghanistan, Canada, Liechtenstein and the Islamic Republic of Iran took part.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.37/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Belgium, Croatia, Finland, France, Ireland, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Chile and Greece.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.38

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Sudan further orally revised the draft resolution.

Burkina Faso, Burundi, Lesotho, Morocco, Nigeria, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal and Somalia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as further orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Switzerland.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.39

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Estonia, the Gambia, Grenada, Haiti, Kyrgyzstan, Mali, Mauritania, Nauru, Samoa, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.40

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Ethiopia, Kenya, the Niger, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.41

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Denmark made a statement of clarification and announced that Armenia, Belgium, Cyprus, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Lithuania, Monaco, New Zealand, Serbia and Montenegro and the United Republic of Tanzania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Colombia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Jordan, Latvia, Namibia, the Niger, Nigeria, Swaziland and Timor-Leste also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.43

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Afghanistan, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Finland, Germany, Greece, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Niger, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkmenistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 112.

Right of peoples to self-determination [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.32

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions related to the draft resolution.

The Secretary read out revisions to the draft resolution.

The representative of Cuba informed the Committee that Benin, Cambodia, the Comoros and Pakistan had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Gambia and Madagascar also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 111 to 23, with 27 abstentions.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the Union – Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries – Cyprus, Malta, and Turkey) made a statement.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of Argentina, Armenia, New Zealand (also on behalf of Canada, Australia, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Norway) and Azerbaijan made statements.

The representative of Rwanda indicated that he had intended to vote in favour.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.35

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Egypt informed the Committee that Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Comoros, Eritrea, Estonia, Germany, Guyana, Iceland, Latvia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, the Netherlands, Saint Lucia, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Somalia and Zimbabwe had joined the list of sponsors.

Ecuador, the Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Slovakia, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 159 to 2, with no abstentions.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the Union – Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries – Cyprus, Malta, and Turkey) made a statement.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of Israel, Canada, Australia, Egypt and Yemen made statements.

The observer for Palestine also made a statement.

Human Rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [117 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

The representative of Yemen made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.42

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions related to the draft resolution.

The Secretary read out revisions to the draft resolution.

The representative of Denmark informed the Committee that Benin, El Salvador, Jordan, Malawi, Mongolia and Paraguay had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Belarus, Bolivia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, the Niger and Kenya also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.45

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions related to the draft resolution.

The Secretary read out revisions to the draft resolution.

The representative of Mexico further orally revised the draft resolution.

Bolivia, Cape Verde, Ethiopia, the Gambia, the Niger, Nigeria and the Sudan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised.

44th meeting

Human rights questions [117]

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

The Committee resumed its joint consideration of the sub-items.

The representative of the Dominican Republic made a statement and indicated that she had not intended to co-sponsor draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.45.

Right of reply

The representatives of Zimbabwe, the Syrian Arab Republic, Colombia, Pakistan, Belarus, Togo and Uganda made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Committee against Torture

Thirty-first session

United Nations Office at Geneva

Thursday, 13 November 2003

579th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [7]

The Committee examined the initial report of Latvia (CAT/C/21/Add.4). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [9]

The Committee examined communications under article 22 of the Convention.

580th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention
[7]

The Committee continued its examination of the third periodic report of Morocco (CAT/C/66/Add.1).

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Thirty-first session

United Nations Office at Geneva

Thursday, 13 November 2003

36th–37th meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

(b) *Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant*

The Committee continued its consideration of the initial report of Yemen.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Montego Bay, 10 December 1982

Accession: Lithuania (12 November 2003)¹

Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982. New York, 28 July 1994

Accession: Lithuania (12 November 2003)¹

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by 4 December 2003 to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Other announcements

United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2004

The Secretary-General will lead the launch in New York of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2004. The event, organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, will take place on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4. The theme of this year's launch is "Hear Our Voices". Mr. Jan Egeland, Emergency Relief Coordinator, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme, as well as the President of the Security Council, will address the gathering.

Other launch events will be held on Wednesday, 19 November, in six other donor capitals – Geneva, Brussels, Copenhagen, Ottawa, Washington and Dublin – as well as locally in each affected country for which there is an appeal.

These events will focus on the role of the international community in meeting the urgent humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable of the world's population. The countries and regions for which the humanitarian community will appeal for support in 2004 are: Angola, Burundi, Central Africa Republic, Chechnya and neighbouring Republics (Russian Federation), Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Great Lakes Region, Guinea, Liberia, occupied Palestinian territory, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Southern Africa Region, Sudan, Tajikistan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zimbabwe, West Africa and Zimbabwe.

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 13 November 2003.

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A/58/PV.25	Meeting held on 7 October 2003, 10 a.m. [E]
A/58/PV.29	Meeting held on 13 October 2003, 3 p.m. [E]
A/58/PV.34	Meeting held on 16 October 2003, 10 a.m. [E]
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A/58/511	Item 149 — United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/58/559	Item 134 — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
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A/C.4/58/L.20/Rev.1	Item 84 — Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories — 24 Power revised draft resolution — Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem [A C E F R S]
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A/C.2/58/L.38	Item 91 (g) — Macroeconomic policy questions: commodities — Morocco: draft resolution — Commodities [A C E F R S]

- A/C.2/58/L.39 Item 104 — Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development
— Saint Lucia: draft resolution — High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development
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Security Council**Documents**

- S/2003/40/Add.40 Summary statement by the Secretary-General on matters of which the Security Council
is seized and on the stage reached in their consideration [A C E F R S]
- S/2003/40/Add.41 Summary statement by the Secretary-General on matters of which the Security Council
is seized and on the stage reached in their consideration [A C E F R S]
- S/2003/1015 Letter dated 16 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee
established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed
to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- S/2003/1018 Letter dated 16 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee
established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed
to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- S/2003/1037 Letter dated 24 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee
established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed
to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- S/2003/1074 Report of the Security Council mission to Afghanistan, 31 October to 7 November 2003
[A C E F R S]

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Monday, 17 November 2003

Security Council

- 10 a.m. 4859th meeting Security Council Chamber
1. Adoption of the agenda
 2. The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security: HIV/AIDS and international peacekeeping operations
- 3 p.m. Consultations of the whole (closed) Consultations Room
- The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question
- Other matters

General Assembly

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

The second meeting of the Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (agenda item 55) will be held on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (see p. 9).

General Committee

An informal briefing to hear Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, on United Nations staff security, will be held on Thursday, 20 November 2003, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. *[Open to all delegations]*



**Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990)
concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait**

10.30 a.m.¹ 247th meeting (closed) Conference Room 7

¹ The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Members States of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. 62nd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections [16]
 - (a) Election of forty-three members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [16 (a)]
 - (b) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/58/552) [16 (c)]
2. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies: draft resolution (A/58/L.15) [20]

Main Committees

Second Committee

3 p.m. 35th meeting Conference Room 2

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 - (g) Commodities
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3. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103]
*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.36**
4. Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development [104]
 - (a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development
 - (b) High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.39 and A/C.2/58/L.40

Afternoon¹ - 6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Henri Raubenheimer (South Africa) on: A/C.2/58/L.38 (item 91 (g)); A/C.2/58/L.41 and A/C.2/58/L.42 (item 100); A/C.2/58/L.39 and A/C.2/58/L.40 (item 104)

¹ Following the adjournment of the 35th meeting of the Second Committee.

Third Committee

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 47th meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m. 48th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions [117]
 - (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/58/118, A/58/118/Corr.1, A/58/121, A/58/181, A/58/181/Add.1, A/58/185, A/58/185/Add.1, A/58/185/Add.2, A/58/186, A/58/212, A/58/255, A/58/257, A/58/261, A/58/266, A/58/268, A/58/275, A/58/276, A/58/276/Add.1, A/58/279, A/58/296, A/58/309, A/58/317, A/58/318, A/58/330, A/58/380, A/58/533 and A/C.3/58/9)
 - (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/58/219, A/58/448, A/58/127, A/58/427, A/58/379, A/58/334, A/58/218, A/58/338, A/58/534, A/58/325, A/58/393, A/58/421 and A/C.3/58/6)
 - (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/58/36)

Conclusion of general discussion
2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

Introduction of document A/C.3/58/L.48 (amendment to draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.2)
3. Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the family [117 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.46 and A/C.3/58/L.47

Fifth Committee

- 9.30 a.m. 19th meeting Conference Room 3
1. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/58/381, A/58/447 and A/58/447/Corr.1) [138]
 2. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (A/58/192, A/58/192/Add.1 and A/58/409) [140]

3. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) [143]
 - (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (A/58/386 and A/58/441)
4. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [134]
 - Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (A/58/559)
 - Introduction and general discussion*

Morning¹–12.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5
 Informal consultations on agenda items 138 (Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/58/381, A/58/447 and A/58/447/Corr.1)); 140 (Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (A/58/192, A/58/192/Add.1 and A/58/409)); and 143 (Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation (A/58/386 and A/58/441))

2.30–4.45 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5
 Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Part VII: Public Information (A/58/6 (Sect. 28)); Part VIII: Common support services (A/58/6 (Sect. 29), A/58/6 (Sect. 29A), A/58/6 (Sect. 29B), A/58/6 (Sect. 29C), A/58/6 (Sect. 29D), A/58/6 (Sect. 29E), A/58/6 (Sect. 29F), A/58/6 (Sect. 29G)); Part IX: Internal oversight (A/58/6 (Sect. 30)); Part X: Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses (A/58/6 (Sect. 31), A/58/6 (Sect. 32)); Part XI: Capital expenditures (A/58/6 (Sect. 33)); Part XII: Staff assessment (A/58/6 (Sect. 34)); and Part XIII: Development Account (A/58/6 (Sect. 35), A/58/6 (Income sect. 1), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 2), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 3), A/58/6/Corr.1, A/58/7, A/58/7/Corr.1 and A/58/16))

¹ Following the adjournment of the 19th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Second performance report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium 2002-2003
2. Second performance report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2002-2003
3. Executive session: administration and management of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.10 entitled "International Strategy for Disaster Reduction" (agenda item 94 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room E

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.32 entitled "International Trade and Development"; and A/C.2/58/L.33 entitled "Unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries" (agenda item 91 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.9 entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and Outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development" (agenda item 95) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Islamic Republic of Iran)

12 noon–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.22 entitled "Sustainable development in mountain regions" (agenda item 94 (g)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

1–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.27 entitled "Women in development" (agenda item 93(a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

1.30–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.16 entitled "Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the special needs of landlocked developing countries with a new global framework for transit transport cooperation for landlocked and transit developing countries" (agenda sub-items 91 (c) and (f)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Indonesia)

2–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.24 entitled "Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries" (agenda item 97 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Islamic Republic of Iran)

3–4.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.2 entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (agenda item 92) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.7 entitled "Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa"; and A/C.2/58/L.15 entitled "International Year of Deserts and Desertification, 2004" (agenda item 94 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Nigeria)

3-5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.23 entitled "Public administration and development" (agenda item 12) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.25 entitled "Natural disasters and vulnerability" (agenda item 94 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.8 entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development" (agenda item 95) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Czech Republic)

5-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Other meetings

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Monday, 17 November 2003

Group of 77 (Second Committee: environment and sustainable development)

9-10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

2-3 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (Second Committee: draft resolution on financing for development)

9.30 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (*Third Committee: draft resolution on the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Comprehensive Implementation of and follow up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (agenda item 115 (b))*)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (*of Fifth Committee matters*)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

JUSCANZ Group (*on Third Committee matters*)

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Rights of the child” (Third Committee)
(*organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States*)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

United Nations Development Programme (*second informal consultation on the Human Development Report 2004*)

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Arab Group (*at the ambassadorial level*)

11 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled “Violence against women” (Third Committee) (*organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands*)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “The right to development” (Third Committee) (*organized by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement)*)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the role of the United Nations and enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization" (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United States)

1.30–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Comprehensive Implementation of and follow up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action" (agenda item 115 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

4–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures)

There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures) on Monday, 17 November 2003, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room A. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

UNICEF/WHO briefing

There will be a briefing by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO) on "Latest Developments in the Global Effort to Eliminate Polio" on Monday, 17 November 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Lebohang Moleko, Permanent Representative of Lesotho. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings on Monday, 17 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Monday, 17 November 2003

Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon

Dr. David Heymann, Representative of the Director-General for Polio Eradication, World Health Organization; and Mr. Kul Gautam, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Children's Fund (on the latest developments in the global effort to eliminate polio)

Forthcoming official meetings**Tuesday, 18 November 2003****General Assembly**

Fifty-eighth session

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

10 a.m. 2nd meeting (closed). Conference Room 3

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, chaired by the President of the General Assembly (agenda item 55) [A second Informal Note (Annex I) and Elements for consideration for a working text on revitalization of the General Assembly (Annex II) by the President of the General Assembly were faxed to all missions on Friday, 14 November 2003.]

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Tuesday 18 November 2003, at 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations under agenda item 47 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangué Réwaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations, on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Security Council

Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa

There will be a meeting of the Security Council Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Extraordinary budget session for 2003

The extraordinary budget session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/14. Advance copies of the documents for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_15100.html). Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 21 November 2003.

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group (on Third Committee matters)

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group (on Third Committee matters) from 18 to 21 November 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.

JUSCANZ Group (on Second Committee matters)

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group (*on Second Committee matters*) from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 18 and 26 November 2003, in Conference Room 9; 2 December, in Conference Room 9; and 9 December, in Conference Room A.

**Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee)
(organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)**

There will be meetings of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and on Wednesday, 19 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

United Nations Development Programme

There will be an informal consultation on the UNIFEM multi-year funding framework 2004-2007 on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Comprehensive Implementation of and follow up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action" (agenda item 115 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Comprehensive Implementation of and follow up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action" (agenda item 115 (b)) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco, will be held on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities

A training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities, organized by the Permanent Mission of Andorra, under the auspices of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Toward global partnerships" (agenda item 46), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 3; and on Friday, 21 November, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) (at the ambassadorial level)

There will be a meeting of the group of ambassadors of member countries of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Symposium on population and development

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS", organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org]

Panel discussion on "Information Session on the Work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees"

There will be a panel discussion on "Information Session on the Work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees", co-sponsored by the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (CONGO) and the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 986-8557]

UNITAR Workshop Series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations are welcome to attend. This is the second year of the series, presented under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

United Nations Office for Project Services

There will be an informal consultation on various issues contained in Executive Board decisions 2003/26 and 2003/27, on Monday, 24 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Main Conference Room (4th floor) at UNOPS Headquarters.

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 6 November 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Friday, 14 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

24th meeting

Organization of work

The Acting Chairperson made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Zambia, New Zealand, Sierra Leone, Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Canada, Switzerland, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Lebanon.

The Acting Chairperson made a statement and suspended the meeting.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [83]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.9/Rev.1, A/C.4/58/L.10, A/C.4/58/L.11, A/C.4/58/L.12, A/C.4/58/L.13, A/C.4/58/L.14/Rev.1, A/C.4/58/L.15 and A/C.4/58/L.16

Upon the resumption of the meeting, the Committee decided, as proposed by the representative of Egypt, to take action first on draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.10, A/C.4/58/L.11, A/C.4/58/L.12, A/C.4/58/L.13, A/C.4/58/L.14/Rev.1, A/C.4/58/L.15 and A/C.4/58/L.16.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolutions contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Indonesia introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.10, A/C.4/58/L.12, A/C.4/58/L.14/Rev.1 and A/C.4/58/L.15, as well as oral revisions to A/C.4/58/L.14/Rev.1, and stated that the co-sponsors did not insist on a vote on A/C.4/58/L.13 and A/C.4/58/L.16. He also indicated, on behalf of the non-European co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.11, that they did not insist on a vote on that draft resolution.

The representative of the Netherlands made a statement and withdrew draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.11.

The representative of the United States orally revised draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.9/Rev.1 and informed the Committee of the additional co-sponsors.

Albania, Croatia and the Federated States of Micronesia also joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.9/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Palau and Uganda.

The representative of Jordan withdrew draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.22.

The representative of Italy (on behalf of European Union) made a statement.

The Acting Chairperson announced the additional co-sponsors of draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.10 and A/C.4/58/L.15.

Liechtenstein, Iceland, Croatia and Guinea also joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.10.

The Acting Chairperson also announced that the Comoros, Indonesia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Sudan had become co-sponsors of draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.12 and A/C.4/58/L.15.

Guinea joined in sponsoring draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.12 and A/C.4/58/L.15.

The Acting Chairperson announced that Mauritania and Mali had become co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.14/Rev.1.

The representative of Jordan (on behalf of the Arab Group) made a statement.

Statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Thailand.

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.10

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.10, by a recorded vote of 159 to 1, with 8 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.12

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.12 by a recorded vote of 156 to 5, with 6 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.14/Rev.1

The representative of Indonesia made a statement on a point of order.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.14/Rev.1, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 150 to 5, with 11 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.15

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.15, by a recorded vote of 153 to 5, with 9 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.9/Rev.1

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.9/Rev.1, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 109 to none, with 54 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representatives of Israel and Peru.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 83.

*Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories . . . [84]**Action on draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.17, A/C.4/58/L.18, A/C.4/58/L.19/Rev.1, A/C.4/58/L.20/Rev.1 and A/C.4/58/L.21*

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement on programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.17.

The representative of Cuba introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.17, A/C.4/58/L.18, A/C.4/58/L.19, A/C.4/58/L.20 and A/C.4/58/L.21, including oral revisions to A/C.4/58/L.18 and A/C.4/58/L.19.

The Acting Chairperson announced that Guinea had become co-sponsors of draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.17, A/C.4/58/L.18, A/C.4/58/L.19/Rev.1, A/C.4/58/L.20/Rev.1 and A/C.4/58/L.21, inclusive.

The Acting Chairperson further announced that Mali had become co-sponsor of draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.17, A/C.4/58/L.18, A/C.4/58/L.19/Rev.1, A/C.4/58/L.20/Rev.1 and A/C.4/58/L.21, inclusive.

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.17

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.17, by a recorded vote of 85 to 7, with 73 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.18

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.18, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 155 to 6, with 7 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.19/Rev.1

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.19/Rev.1, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 149 to 7, with 12 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.20/Rev.1

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.20/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 141 to 7, with 19 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.21

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.21, by a recorded vote of 155 to 3, with 11 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Canada, Italy (on behalf of the European Union), United Kingdom, Uruguay and Australia.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 84.

Organization of work

The Acting Chairperson then adjourned the Committee on the understanding that it would meet in 2004 to take up the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, under agenda item 85, and later to elect the Chair of the Committee for the fifty-ninth session.

Third Committee

45th meeting

Human rights questions [117]

- (b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*
- (c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*
- (e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

The Committee resumed its joint consideration of the sub-items.

The Committee continued its general discussion on the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Algeria, China, Australia, India, Mexico, New Zealand, Mali, Tunisia, the Sudan, Norway, Switzerland, Israel, Cuba, and Pakistan.

The representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization also made a statement.

Right of reply

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under sub-items 117 (b), (c) and (e) was Monday, 17 November, at 6 p.m.

46th meeting

Human rights questions [117]

- (b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*
- (c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*
- (e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

The Committee continued its general discussion on the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Jamaica, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, the Republic of Korea, Serbia and Montenegro, Qatar, Thailand, Mongolia and Eritrea.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The observer for the Holy See also made a statement.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Thirty-first session

United Nations Office at Geneva

Friday, 14 November 2003

38th–39th meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

- (a) *Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*
- (b) *Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant*

The Committee began its consideration of the second periodic report of Guatemala (E/1990/6/Add.34 and E/1990/6/Add.34/Rev.1). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Ireland (14 November 2003)¹

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention Against Corruption, New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by 4 December 2003 to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Other announcements

United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2004

The Secretary-General will lead the launch in New York of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2004. The event, organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, will take place on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4. The theme of this year's launch is "Hear Our Voices". Mr. Jan Egeland, Emergency Relief Coordinator, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme, as well as the President of the Security Council, will address the gathering.

Other launch events will be held on Wednesday, 19 November, in six other donor capitals – Geneva, Brussels, Copenhagen, Ottawa, Washington and Dublin – as well as locally in each affected country for which there is an appeal.

These events will focus on the role of the international community in meeting the urgent humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable of the world's population. The countries and regions for which the humanitarian community will appeal for support in 2004 are: Angola, Burundi, Central Africa Republic, Chechnya and neighbouring Republics (Russian Federation), Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Great Lakes Region, Guinea, Liberia, occupied Palestinian territory, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Southern Africa Region, Sudan, Tajikistan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zimbabwe, West Africa and Zimbabwe.

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO will be "Town Hall Meeting on the Theme of the Fifty-seventh DPI/NGO Annual Conference". The Briefing will be held on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 2003 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Sierra Leone
H.E. Mr. Joe Robert Pemagbi

Asian States:

Philippines
H.E. Mr. Lauro Baja, Jr.

Eastern European States:

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Mr. Dimce Nikolov
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Cuba
H.E. Mr. Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla

Western European and other States:

Finland
H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi

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President of the General Assembly:
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General Assembly:
www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/
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Presidency of the Security Council:
www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency
www.un.org/french/docs/sc/presidency/

Security Council:www.un.org/sc*Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:*www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htmwww.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373www.un.org/russian/document/scdocs/committees/1373www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html*Economic and Social Council:*www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc*Italian presidency of the European Union:*www.un.org<http://europa-eu-un.org>*Department of Economic and Social Affairs:*www.un.org/esa*Journal of the United Nations:*www.un.org/Docs/journal/Ar/latesta.pdfwww.un.org/Docs/journal/Ch/latestc.pdfwww.un.org/Docs/journal/En/lateste.pdfwww.un.org/Docs/journal/Fr/latestf.pdfwww.un.org/Docs/journal/Ru/latestr.pdfwww.un.org/Docs/journal/Sp/latests.pdf**Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters**

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 14 November 2003.

*Symbol**Main title***General Assembly****Official Records****Fifty-eighth session**

A/58/PV.4

Meeting held on 22 September 2003, 3 p.m. [F]

A/58/PV.16

Meeting held on 29 September 2003, 3 p.m. [F]

A/58/PV.36

Meeting held on 17 October 2003, 3 p.m. [E]

General Assembly**Documents****Fifty-eighth session**

- A/58/539 Item 165 — Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia — Budget for the United Nations Mission in Liberia for the period from 1 August 2003 to 30 June 2004 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- A/58/548 Item 44 — Culture of peace — Letter dated 31 October 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
- A/58/549 Item 29 — Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba — Letter dated 31 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- A/58/550 Item 131 — Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Revised estimates arising in respect of Security Council resolution 1512 (2003) on the establishment of five additional ad litem judges in the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- A/58/556 Item 121 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Plans for three additional conference rooms and viable solutions for allowing natural light into the rooms — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- A/58/567 Item 94 (d) — Environment and sustainable development: further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States — Draft provisional rules of procedure of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Second Committee

- A/C.2/58/L.36* Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

- A/C.3/58/7 Item 115 (a) — Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: elimination of racism and racial discrimination — Letter dated 30 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- A/C.3/58/8 Items 110 and 117 (a) — Advancement of women — Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments — Letter dated 4 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

- A/C.3/58/L.30/Rev.1* Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
- A/C.3/58/L.48 Item 106 — Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family — 60 Power amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.2 — Preparations for the observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004 [A C E F R S]
- A/C.3/58/INF/1 Membership of the Third Committee [A C E F R S (Multilingual)]

Fifth Committee

- A/C.5/58/L.15 Item 166 — Admission of the International Criminal Court to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund — Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations [A C E F R S]

Security Council**Documents**

- S/2003/1041 Letter dated 23 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- S/2003/1073 Identical letters dated 4 November 2003 from the representatives of Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic and Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- S/2003/1077 Letter dated 10 November 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- S/2003/1078 Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (for the period from 21 May to 10 November 2003) [A C E F R S]
- S/2003/1080 Letter dated 11 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- S/2003/1081 Letter dated 12 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- S/2003/1082 Letter dated 12 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- S/2003/1083 Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
- S/Agenda/4857 Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
- S/Agenda/4858 Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
- S/RES/1514 (2003) Adopted by the Security Council at its 4857th meeting [A C E F R S]
- S/PRST/2003/20 Statement by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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Information circular — 2004 competitive examination for recruitment to the Professional category of staff members from other categories [E]

Communications to the Editor

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Security Council

11 a.m. 4860th meeting (closed) Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Guinea-Bissau

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

10 a.m. 2nd meeting (closed) Conference Room 3

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, chaired by the President of the General Assembly (agenda item 55) [A second Informal Note (Annex I) and Elements for consideration for a working text on revitalization of the General Assembly (Annex II) by the President of the General Assembly were faxed to all missions on Friday, 14 November 2003.]

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

General Committee

An informal briefing to hear Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, on United Nations staff security, will be held on Thursday, 20 November 2003, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. *[Open to all delegations]*



Main Committees

Third Committee

3 p.m.

49th meeting

Conference Room 1

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3. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [117 (b)]
Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.46
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.49

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.45 p.m.

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 124 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/58/11, A/58/63, A/56/767 and A/58/189)); 133 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (A/58/157)); and 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Part VIII: Common support services (A/58/6 (Sect. 29), A/58/6 (Sect. 29A), A/58/6 (Sect. 29B), A/58/6 (Sect. 29C), A/58/6 (Sect. 29D), A/58/6 (Sect. 29E), A/58/6 (Sect. 29F), A/58/6 (Sect. 29G)); Part IX: Internal oversight (A/58/6 (Sect. 30)); Part X: Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses (A/58/6 (Sect. 31), A/58/6 (Sect. 32)); Part XI: Capital expenditures (A/58/6 (Sect. 33)); Part XII: Staff assessment (A/58/6 (Sect. 34)); and Part XIII: Development Account (A/58/6 (Sect. 35), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 1), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 2), A/58/6 (Income Sect. 3), A/58/6/Corr.1, A/58/7, A/58/7/Corr.1 and A/58/16)

2.30–4.45 p.m.

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on: review of duplication, complexity and bureaucracy in United Nations administrative processes and procedures (A/58/211)); and 120 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (A/58/7/Add.3))

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi
2. Executive session: administration and management of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations under agenda item 47 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangué Réwaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.25 entitled "Natural disasters and vulnerability" (agenda item 94 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

10 a.m.-12 noon Closed meeting Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.4 entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.5 entitled "Human resources development" (agenda item 93 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.28 entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research" (agenda item 99 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

12 noon-1.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.9 entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development" (agenda item 95) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

1-3 p.m. Closed meeting Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.41 entitled "Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence" (agenda item 100) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

1-3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.20 entitled "Science and Technology for Development" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

1.15-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.18 entitled "External debt crisis and development" (agenda item 91 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

2.30-4.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.24 entitled "Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries" (agenda item 97 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

3-4.30 p.m. Closed meeting Room S-2963D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.11 entitled "Convention on Biological Diversity" (agenda item 94 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Peru)

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.2 entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (agenda item 92) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.17 entitled "International financial system and development" (agenda item 91 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)

4.30-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 18 November 2003

Group of 77 (Second Committee: environment and sustainable development)

9-10 a.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

2-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the Marrakech Conference on South-South Cooperation)

10-1 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1-2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on Third Committee issues)

1.15-3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Group of 77 (on cybersecurity; debt; international financial system; and other macro-economic issues)

1.15-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

JUSCANZ Group (on Second Committee matters)

9-9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

JUSCANZ Group (on Third Committee matters)

9-9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Open-ended informal consultations of the draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Open-ended informal consultations of the draft resolution entitled "The right to development" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement))

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

OIC Group (on Third Committee matters) (at the experts level)

1.15-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC))

1.15-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance to Malawi" (agenda item 40) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Malawi)

1.15-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

African Group: Meeting of West African States

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development" (agenda item 40 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of India (on behalf of the Group of 77))

3-4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Comprehensive Implementation of and follow up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action" (agenda item 115 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

3-5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

United Nations Development Programme

There will be an informal consultation on the UNIFEM multi-year funding framework 2004-2007 *today*, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/pressg/conf.htm.

Tuesday, 18 November 2003**Room S-226**

Guest at 12 noon

Mr. Jan Egeland, United Nations Emergency Relief Coordinator; and Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (to launch the United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2004)

Forthcoming official meetings**General Assembly**

Fifty-eighth session

Second Committee The Second Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Fifth Committee The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

Security Council**Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa**

There will be a meeting of the Security Council Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Economic and Social Council**United Nations Children's Fund****Executive Board**

Extraordinary budget session for 2003

The extraordinary budget session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/14. Advance copies of the documents for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_15100.html). Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 21 November 2003.

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group (on Third Committee matters)

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group (on Third Committee matters) from 19 to 21 November 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.

JUSCANZ Group (*on Second Committee matters*)

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group (*on Second Committee matters*) from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 26 November and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 9; and 9 December, in Conference Room A.

Training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities

A training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities, organized by the Permanent Mission of Andorra, under the auspices of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Toward global partnerships" (agenda item 46), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 3; and on Friday, 21 November, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber; and on Thursday, 20 November, in Conference Room 7.

Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) (at the ambassadorial level)

There will be a meeting of the group of ambassadors of member countries of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Symposium on population and development

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS", organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org]

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International assistance and cooperation with the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America" (agenda item 40 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Panama (on behalf of the Central American Group))

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International assistance and cooperation with the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America" (agenda item 40 (b)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Panama (on behalf of the Central American Group), will be held on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Round table "The Nexus Between the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and Meeting the Millennium Development Goals"

There will be a round table on "The Nexus Between the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and Meeting the Millennium Development Goals" on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. Mr. Alex Palmason, International Monetary Fund, New York Office, will lead the discussion. The event is co-sponsored by the World Federation of United Nations Associations and the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Panel discussion on "Information Session on the Work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees"

There will be a panel discussion on "Information Session on the Work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees", co-sponsored by the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (CONGO) and the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 986-8557].

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Decade of the Education for Sustainable Development" (agenda 96) (Second Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Decade of the Education for Sustainable Development" (agenda 96) (Second Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan, on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 5 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

UNITAR Workshop Series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations are welcome to attend. This is the second year of the series, presented under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Responding to global threats and challenges" (A/58/L.7) (agenda item 60) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

There will be a meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Responding to global threats and challenges" (A/58/L.7) (agenda item 60), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation, on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

United Nations Office for Project Services

There will be an informal consultation on various issues contained in Executive Board decisions 2003/26 and 2003/27, on Monday, 24 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Main Conference Room (4th floor) at UNOPS Headquarters.

UNITAR/OLA seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly conducting a seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 3 and Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 26 November 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

UNITAR/WTO workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the international trade series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday, 8 December, to Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Monday, 1 December 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 6 November 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Monday, 17 November 2003

Security Council

4859th meeting

The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security: HIV/AIDS and international peacekeeping operations

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno Under-Secretary-General for Peace-keeping Operations, and Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Guéhenno and Dr. Piot.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States, Chile, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, Germany, Bulgaria, China, France, Guinea, Mexico, Spain, Pakistan and Cameroon, and by the President, in his capacity as the representative of Angola.

Mr. Guéhenno and Dr. Piot responded to comments and questions raised.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

62nd plenary meeting

Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections:

(a) *Election of forty-three members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law*

[16 (a)]

Since the number of candidates from among the African States, the Asian States, the Eastern European States, the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western European and other States was equal to the number of seats to be filled in each of those regions, the General Assembly declared elected 43 members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, pursuant to resolutions 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, 3108 (XXVIII) of 12 December 1973, 31/99 of 15 December 1976 and 57/20 of 19 November 2002.

The following thirty members were elected for a six-year term of office beginning on 14 June 2004: Algeria, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Colombia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Fiji, Gabon, Guatemala, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Kenya, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mongolia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, Poland, Serbia and Montenegro, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Uganda, United States of America, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

By a drawing of lots, the following thirteen members were elected for a term of office beginning on 14 June 2004 and ending on the last day prior to the beginning of the fortieth session of the Commission, in 2007: Argentina, Belgium, Chile, Croatia, Jordan, Lithuania, Qatar, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Turkey and Uruguay.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 16.

- (b) *Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/58/552)* [16 (c)]

Since the number of candidates nominated by the Economic and Social Council from among the African States, the Eastern European States, the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western European and other States was equal to the number of seats to be filled in each of those regions, the Bahamas, the Comoros, France, Mexico, the Russian Federation, the United States of America and Zimbabwe were declared elected members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 16 and of agenda item 16 as a whole.

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies: draft resolution (A/58/L.15) [20]

The representative of Mongolia made a statement, in the course of which he introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/58/L.15.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/58/L.15, as orally revised (resolution 58/13).

The representative of Chile made a statement (also on behalf of the Czech Republic, India, Italy, Mali, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea and Romania).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 20.

Main Committees

Second Committee

35th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(g) *Commodities*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.38

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Globalization and interdependence [100]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.41

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Morocco, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.42

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [193]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.36**

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Egypt introduced the draft resolution, also on behalf of Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Chad, the Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, the Sudan, Tunisia and Yemen, as well as Palestine.

Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development [104]

(a) *Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development*

(b) *High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.39

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Saint Lucia introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.40

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The representative of Malta made a statement, on behalf of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics.

Organization of work

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Third Committee

47th meeting

Human rights questions [117]

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

The Committee continued its general discussion on the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Viet Nam, Kenya, Turkey, Cameroon, Haiti, Cuba, Malaysia, Uganda, Cyprus, Belarus, San Marino, Greece, Armenia, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Jordan, Timor-Leste, Brazil, Latvia and Indonesia.

The observer of the European Community made a statement.

The observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross also made a statement.

48th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of document A/C.3/58/L.48 (amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.2)

The representative of Benin introduced and orally revised the document, on behalf of the sponsors listed, as well as Angola, the Gambia and the United States.

The Comoros, Sierra Leone, South Africa and Thailand also joined in sponsoring amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.2.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms. [117 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.46

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced and orally revised the draft resolution, on behalf of his delegation, as well as Afghanistan, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Congo, Cuba, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Suriname, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates and Viet Nam.

Kazakhstan, Kenya, Nigeria, Turkmenistan and the United Republic of Tanzania also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.47

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Haiti, Qatar and Turkmenistan.

Botswana and Malawi also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [112]

The representative of Canada made a statement with regard to draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.37/Rev.1, which had been adopted earlier by the Committee.

Human rights questions [117]

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

The Committee continued its general discussion on the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Turkmenistan.

The observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference also made a statement.

Right of reply

China, Japan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Colombia, Ethiopia, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Cyprus, Greece, Eritrea, the Republic of Korea and Armenia made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 117 (b), (c) and (e).

Organization of work

The representative of Canada indicated that her delegation had intended to co-sponsor draft resolution A/C.3/L.37/Rev.1.

Fifth Committee**19th meeting**

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [138]

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor [140]

Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) [143]

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda items.

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division introduced, in a single statement, the reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/381, A/58/192, A/58/192/Add.1 and A/58/386).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/58/447, A/58/447/Corr.1, A/58/409 and A/58/441).

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), Botswana (on behalf of the African Group), South Africa, Japan, Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Uganda, Rwanda and Uruguay.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda items 140 (Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor) and 143 (a) (Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission).

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on agenda items 140 and 143 (a) would begin on that day, Monday, 17 November, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanships Mr. Fouad Rajeh (Saudi Arabia) Rapporteur of the Committee, and Ms. Karla Samayoa-Rosari (Guatemala), respectively.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources introduced the report of the Secretary General (A/58/559).

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Japan, India and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, New Zealand and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

Organization of work

The representative of Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Committee against Torture

Thirty-first session

United Nations Office at Geneva

Friday, 14 November 2003

- 581st meeting *Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention* [9]
 The Committee examined communications under article 22 of the Convention.
- 582nd meeting *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention* [7]
 The Committee continued the examination of the initial report of Latvia (CAT/C/21/Add.4).

Monday, 17 November 2003

- 583rd meeting *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention* [7]
 The Committee examined the initial report of Yemen (CAT/C/16/Add.10). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.
- Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention* [9]
 The Committee examined communications under article 22 of the Convention.
- 584th meeting *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention* [7]
 The Committee continued the examination of the initial report of Lithuania (CAT/C/37/Add.5).
- Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention* [8]
 The Committee discussed matters relating to article 20 of the Convention.
- Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention* [9]
 The Committee continued its examination of communications under article 22 of the Convention.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Thirty-first session

United Nations Office at Geneva

Monday, 17 November 2003

40th meeting

Consideration of reports

[6]

(a) *Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*

(b) *Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant*

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Guatemala (E/1990/6/Add.34 and E/1990/6/Add.34/Rev.1).

41st meeting

The Committee began its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Russian Federation (E/C.12/4/Add.10). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 16 May 1998

Acceptance: Monaco (5 November 2003)¹

Amendment to article 7 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 20 May 1965

Acceptance: Monaco (5 November 2003)¹

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

*United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003***Opening for signature**

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Other announcements**United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2004**

The Secretary-General will lead the launch in New York of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2004. The event, organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, will take place *today*, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4. The theme of this year's launch is "Hear Our Voices". Mr. Jan Egeland, Emergency Relief Coordinator, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme, as well as the President of the Security Council, will address the gathering.

Other launch events will be held on Wednesday, 19 November, in six other donor capitals – Geneva, Brussels, Copenhagen, Ottawa, Washington and Dublin – as well as locally in each affected country for which there is an appeal.

These events will focus on the role of the international community in meeting the urgent humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable of the world's population. The countries and regions for which the humanitarian community will appeal for support in 2004 are: Angola, Burundi, Central Africa Republic, Chechnya and neighbouring Republics (Russian Federation), Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Great Lakes Region, Guinea, Liberia, occupied Palestinian territory, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Southern Africa Region, Sudan, Tajikistan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zimbabwe, West Africa and Zimbabwe.

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO will be "Town Hall Meeting on the Theme of the Fifty-seventh DPI/NGO Annual Conference". The Briefing will be held on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlathshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Web sites

President of the General Assembly:

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373

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Italian presidency of the European Union:

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Department of Economic and Social Affairs:

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 17 November 2003.

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Main title</i>
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A/58/PV.7	Meeting held on 23 September 2003, 10 a.m. [S]
A/58/PV.8	Meeting held on 23 September 2003, 3 p.m. [S]
A/58/PV.9	Meeting held on 24 September 2003, 10 a.m. [R]
A/58/PV.14	Meeting held on 26 September 2003, 3 p.m. [F]
A/58/PV.15	Meeting held on 29 September 2003, 10 a.m. [F]
General Assembly	Documents
	Fifty-eighth session
A/58/423	Item 52 (a) — Oceans and the law of the sea — A regular process for the global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment: proposals on modalities — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/515	Item 153 — Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/58/517	Item 155 — Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/58/542	Item 104 (b) — Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development: high-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development — Letter dated 29 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

- A/58/555/Corr.1 Item 104 — Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development — Summary by the President of the General Assembly of the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [A C E F R S]
- A/58/591 Item 165 — Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia — Proposed budget for the United Nations Mission in Liberia for the period from 1 August 2003 to 30 June 2004 — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]

Second Committee

- A/C.2/58/L.40 Item 104 — Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development — United States of America: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
- A/C.2/58/L.41 Item 100 — Globalization and interdependence — Morocco: draft resolution — Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence [A C E F R S]
- A/C.2/58/L.42 Item 100 — Globalization and interdependence — Morocco: draft resolution — World Summit on the Information Society [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

- A/C.3/58/L.8/Rev.1 Item 106 — Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family — 106-Power revised draft resolution — Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: towards a society for all in the twenty-first century [A C E F R S]
- A/C.3/58/L.47 Item 117 (b) — Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — 42-Power draft resolution — Strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity [A C E F R S]

Fifth Committee

- A/C.5/58/10 Items 12, 120 and 121 — Report of the Economic and Social Council — Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2003 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- A/C.5/58/15 Items 121 and 122 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Programme planning — Letter dated 10 November 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

Security Council**Documents**

- S/2002/1445/Add.1 Letter dated 2 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- S/2003/40/Add.42 Summary statement by the Secretary-General on matters of which the Security Council is seized and on the stage reached in their consideration [A C E F R S]

- S/2003/1014 Letter dated 16 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- S/2003/1079 Letter dated 11 November 2003 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- S/2003/1088 Letter dated 10 November 2003 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- S/2003/1089 Letter dated 12 November 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- S/2003/1092 Letter dated 10 November 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- S/2003/1093 Letter dated 13 November 2003 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

Wednesday, 19 November 2003

Security Council

10 a.m.	4861st meeting	Security Council Chamber
	1. Adoption of the agenda	
	2. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question	
Morning [*]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
	The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question	
	Other matters	
3.30 p.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
	Oil-for-food	

^{*} To be held following the adjournment of the 4861st meeting.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

General Committee

An informal briefing to hear Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, on United Nations staff security, will be held on Thursday, 20 November 2003, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber (see p. 7). *[Open to all delegations]*



General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Third Committee

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 50th meeting | Conference Room 1 |
| 3 p.m. | 51st meeting | Conference Room 1 |
1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [117 (b)]

Introduction of A/C.3/58/L.50, A/C.3/58/L.51, A/C.3/58/L.52, A/C.3/58/L.53, A/C.3/58/L.54, A/C.3/58/L.55, A/C.3/58/L.56, A/C.3/58/L.57, A/C.3/58/L.58, A/C.3/58/L.59, A/C.3/58/L.60, A/C.3/58/L.61 and A/C.3/58/L.62
 2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [115 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.33 Rev.1
 3. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [117 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.47

Fifth Committee

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| 9.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. | Informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |
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- Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Development account (A/58/404 and A/58/7/Add.5); Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations (A/58/400 and A/58/7/Add.5); Proportion of General Service staff to Professional staff in the regional commissions (A/58/403 and A/58/7/Add.5); Comprehensive review of the post structure of the Secretariat (A/58/398 and A/58/7/Add.5); and United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (A/58/173))

Second Committee

The informal consultations of the Second Committee, scheduled for today, 19 November 2003, at 3 p.m., have been postponed to a later date.

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.31 entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the strengthening of the United Nations Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)", and A/C.2/58/L.35 entitled "Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat" (agenda item 101) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

10 a.m.-12 noon Closed meeting

Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.14 entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind" (agenda item 94 (f)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Argentina)

10 a.m.-12 noon Closed meeting

Conference Room D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.4 entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting

Conference Room A

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.38 entitled "Commodities" (agenda item 91 (g)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting

Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.7 entitled "Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa"; and A/C.2/58/L.15 entitled "International Year of Deserts and Desertification, 2004" (agenda item 94 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Nigeria)

12 noon-2 p.m. Closed meeting

Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.12 entitled "Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-second Session" (agenda item 94) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany)

12 noon-2 p.m. Closed meeting

Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.27 entitled "Women in development" (agenda item 93 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

1.15-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting

Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.22 entitled "Sustainable development in mountain regions" (agenda item 94 (g)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

2-3 p.m. Closed meeting

Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.19 entitled "Cybersecurity and the protection of critical information infrastructures" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic)

2-4 p.m. Closed meeting

Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.10 entitled "International Strategy for Disaster Reduction" (agenda item 94 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting

Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.39 entitled "High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development"; and A/C.2/58/L.40 entitled "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development" (agenda item 104) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Cameroon)

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.23 entitled "Public administration and development" (agenda item 12) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

4-5 p.m. Closed meeting Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.13 entitled "United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development" (agenda item 96) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Slovenia)

5-6 p.m. Closed meeting Room C-209B

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 19 November 2003

Eastern European Group (on Fifth Committee matters)

9-9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Group of 77 (Second Committee: habitat)

9-10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (Second Committee: programme of work, financing for development, and cybersecurity)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

5-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Group of 77 (on Third Committee matters)

1.15-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2.30-4.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

5.30-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on the Marrakech Conference on South-South Cooperation)

3-5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

JUSCANZ Group (*on Third Committee matters*)

9-9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the girl child (*organized by the Permanent Mission of Namibia*)

10-11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (*agenda item 46*) (*organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy*)

11 a.m.-12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (*agenda item 40 (a)*) (*organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden*)

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

African Group (*Fifth Committee experts*)

12.45-2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

African Group (*Third Committee experts*)

1.15-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

African Group (*ministers of the countries of the Great Lakes region*)

4-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Arab Group (*at the ambassadorial level*)

1.15-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) (*on Second Committee matters*)

1.15-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights

1.15-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolution entitled "Office of the Representative for Children and Armed Conflicts" (*organized by the Permanent Mission of Gabon*)

2-3.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Rights of the child” (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC))

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Comprehensive Implementation of and follow up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action” (agenda item 115 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

3 p.m.–5 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Violence against women” (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities

A training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities, organized by the Permanent Mission of Andorra, under the auspices of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, will be held *today*, 19 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Meeting of the Group of French-speaking Ambassadors

There will be a meeting of the Group of French-speaking Ambassadors (New York) with Mr. Adbou Diouf, Secretary-General of the International Organization of la Francophonie, *today*, 19 November 2003, at 12 noon in Conference Room 4.

Symposium on population and development

Symposium IV on “Population and HIV/AIDS”, organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will be held *today*, 19 November 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org]

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 19 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/oxsg/conf.htm

Wednesday, 19 November 2003

Room S-226

12 noon

Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings**Thursday, 20 November 2003****General Assembly**

Fifty-eighth session

General Committee

10 a.m.

Informal briefing¹

Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal briefing to hear Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, on United Nations staff security

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

11 a.m.

3rd meeting (closed)

Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, chaired by the President of the General Assembly (agenda item 55) [A second Informal Note (Annex I) and Elements for consideration for a working text on revitalization of the General Assembly (Annex II) by the President of the General Assembly were faxed to all missions on Friday, 14 November 2003.]

¹ Open to all delegations.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Thursday, 20 November 2003, at 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations under agenda item 47 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangué Réwaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations, on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Security Council

Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa

There will be a meeting of the Security Council Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa on Thursday, 20 November 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Extraordinary budget session for 2003

The extraordinary budget session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/14. Advance copies of the documents for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_15100.html). Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (fax: 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 21 November 2003.

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group (on Third Committee matters)

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group (on Third Committee matters) on Thursday and Friday, 20 and 21 November 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.

JUSCANZ Group (on Second Committee matters)

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group (on Second Committee matters) from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 26 November and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 9; and 9 December, in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Toward global partnerships" (agenda item 46), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International assistance and cooperation with the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America" (agenda item 40 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Panama (on behalf of the Central American Group))

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International assistance and cooperation with the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America" (agenda item 40 (b)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Panama (on behalf of the Central American Group), will be held on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Round table "The Nexus Between the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and Meeting the Millennium Development Goals"

There will be a round table on "The Nexus Between the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and Meeting the Millennium Development Goals" on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. Mr. Alex Palmason, International Monetary Fund, New York Office, will lead the discussion. The event is co-sponsored by the World Federation of United Nations Associations and the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of permanent missions,

Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Panel discussion on "Information Session on the Work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees"

There will be a panel discussion on "Information Session on the Work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees", co-sponsored by the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (CONGO) and the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 986-8557].

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Decade of the Education for Sustainable Development" (agenda item 96) (Second Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Decade of the Education for Sustainable Development" (agenda item 96) (Second Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan, on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 5 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

UNITAR Workshop Series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations are welcome to attend. This is the second year of the series, presented under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

Southern African Development Community (SADC) (at the Third Committee experts level)

There will be a meeting of Southern African Development Community (SADC) (at the Third Committee experts level) on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Responding to global threats and challenges" (agenda item 60) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

There will be a meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Responding to global threats and challenges" (agenda item 60), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation, on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

United Nations Office for Project Services

There will be an informal consultation on various issues contained in Executive Board decisions 2003/26 and 2003/27, on Monday, 24 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Main Conference Room (4th floor) at UNOPS Headquarters.

UNITAR/OLA seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly conducting a seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 3 and Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 26 November 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

UNITAR/WTO workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the international trade series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday, 8 December, to Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Monday, 1 December 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements**Security Council****Daily informal briefings**

As from Thursday, 6 November 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Tuesday, 18 November 2003

Security Council

4860th meeting (closed) *The situation in Guinea-Bissau*

The Security Council met in private. The following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4860th meeting, held in private on 18 November 2003, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'The situation in Guinea-Bissau'.

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, His Excellency Mr. Henrique Perreira Rosa.

"The President extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), His Excellency Mr. Gert Rosenthal; the representative of the current Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), His Excellency Mr. Nana Effah-Apenteng; the representative of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, His Excellency Mr. Henrique Valle; the Chairman of the Ad hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau of ECOSOC, His Excellency Mr. Dumisani Kumalo; and the Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNOGBIS), Mr. David Stephen.

"The Secretary-General, the President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, members of the Security Council, the President of ECOSOC, the representative of the current Chairman of ECOWAS, the representative of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, the Chairman of the Ad hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau of ECOSOC and the Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNOGBIS had a constructive exchange of views."

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Third Committee

49th meeting

Advancement of women

[110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.18

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Philippines revised and corrected the draft resolution and announced that Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Ghana, Guatemala, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Senegal, Swaziland, Timor-Leste and Tunisia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Bolivia, Croatia, El Salvador, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Honduras, Kyrgyzstan, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, Togo and Uruguay also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.21/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Angola, Bolivia, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, El Salvador, Honduras, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tunisia and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [117 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.46

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Niger joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Following a statement by the representative of Chile, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The representative of Switzerland made a statement (also on behalf of Australia, Canada, Liechtenstein, New Zealand and Norway).

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.49

The representative of Yemen made a statement with regard to the draft resolution.

The representative of Canada introduced and orally revised the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Greece.

Estonia, Iceland, Malta, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Benin, the Sudan, Egypt, Malaysia, Yemen, China, Gabon and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Secretary responded to points raised.

Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Committee against Torture

Thirty-first session

United Nations Office at Geneva

Tuesday, 18 November 2003

585th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention
[7]

The Committee examined the third periodic report of Cameroon (CAT/C/34/Add.17). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their government.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention

[9]

The Committee examined communications under article 22 of the Convention

586th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention
[7]

The Committee continued the examination of the initial report of Yemen (CAT/C/16/Add.10).

Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention

[8]

The Committee discussed matters relating to article 20 of the Convention.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Thirty-first session

United Nations Office at Geneva

Tuesday, 18 November 2003

42nd-43rd meetings

Consideration of reports

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- (a) *Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant*
- (b) *Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant*

The Committee continued its consideration of the fourth periodic report of the Russian Federation (E/C.12/4/Add.10).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

Accession: Monaco (13 November 2003)

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995

Approval: France (18 November 2003)

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

*United Nations Convention Against Corruption, New York, 31 October 2003***Opening for signature**

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by 4 December 2003 to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Other announcements**DPI/NGO briefing**

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO will be "Town Hall Meeting on the Theme of the Fifty-seventh DPI/NGO Annual Conference". The Briefing will be held on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Lecture series to mark the birth centenary of Ralph Bunche

The Department of Public Information, in association with the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies of the City University of New York Graduate Center, is holding a series of lectures to mark the birth centenary of Ralph Bunche. The second lecture, entitled "From Ralph Bunche to Lakhdar Brahimi: The Future of Peacekeeping and

Mediation", will be held on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Mr. David Malone, President of International Peace Academy, will be the keynote speaker and H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahbubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Dame Margaret Anstee, former Under-Secretary-General, who served as Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Angola and Chief, United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM III), will be the discussants. Sir Brian Urquhart, former Under Secretary-General, will moderate the event, which will be introduced by Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Web sites

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

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A/58/PV.37	Meeting held on 20 October 2003, 10 a.m. [E]
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A/C.3/58/L.49	Item 117 (b) — Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — 34-Power draft resolution — Human rights and mass exoduses [A C E F R S]

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S/2003/852	Letter dated 29 August 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
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S/AC.37/2003/(1455)/71	Letter dated 12 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
S/AC.37/2003/(1455)/79	Letter dated 22 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
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